



PARISH NOTICES

Please check poster at the back doors for Cleaning and Flowers Roster.

1. Remembrance Book available (back of church) to list all your loved ones as we remember and honour those who have left us. Monday 2nd Nov The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
2. Wishing Fr Marcus a wonderful and restful break. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. **Fr Marcus Hazelman will be on leave from Monday 26th Oct 2026 to the Friday 6th Nov 2026** returning for our 6pm Mass on Saturday 7th Nov 2026.
3. **Reminder** if you have not already **ALL Volunteers** please see the back of the church on left hand glass table to **read and sign the Code of Conduct** and place forms into box.
4. Thank you to all those who kindly donated to the **Catholic Mission** last Sunday in our 3rd Collection. We were able to raise **\$775.00**, if you are still wanting to donate, please scan the QR Code on page 2 or by visiting their website: catholicmission.org.au/our-work
5. **Christmas Carols** is fast approaching. **Held after Mass on Saturday 12th December @ 7.00pm**. Please join us, all are welcome for a sausage sizzle, kids Santa visit and Christmas Carols at the Sacred Heart School. If you'd like to perform on the night and you are not a part of a choir group please reach out to our Parish Office for more info.



We warmly invite you to celebrate the priestly ordination of Deacons Jeff Hood, Paul Tran and Luke Huynh.

Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 7:30pm at
St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta



Francis Alphonse at Chrysalis Law Group provides a range of legal services.

Home visits for the elderly or infirm at no extra charge in selected areas.
Ph 8046 7666
Email francis@chrysalislegal.com.au

Want to know more? For information about all the events happening and information of safeguarding please visit parracatholic.org follow on Facebook & instagram.

Don't forget to check our Parish website southmountdruitt.org.au

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

1st November 2026

ALL SAINTS DAY

Parish Address: 9 Ropes Creek Road, Mount Druitt

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Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902

Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560

Parish Admin: Amy Falemaka (Tues, Wed & Thurs Only)

Parish Chairperson: Teresa Samuels

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6.00 pm **Sunday:** 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon 2nd Nov: 9:10am – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Tues 3rd Nov: 9:10am – Tues 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Wed 4th Nov: 7.00pm – St Charles Borromeo - Memorial

Thurs 5th Nov: 9:10am – Thurs 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Fri 6th Nov: 9:10am – Fri 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Sat 7th Nov: 9:10am – Sat 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only (contact Parish Office)

Sacred Heart Primary School:

Email: sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au **Tel:** 9625 8733



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**
 Responsorial Psalm:
R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
 Second Reading: **1 John 3:1-3**
 Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12**



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida AniscoI, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards; Maria Belisario; Fabiola Palu; Leone Fakahau & Lose Misiloi

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Falla and Joselito Merjudio

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Alejo Chua, Hauy Mcleod, Cheryl Gabell, Marie Novak, Bozena Bukovac, Diosdado Dela Cruz, Jiri Kozumplik, Merlyn Farquharson, Fredy Farquharson, Imelda Christopher, Geoffrey Wilding & **We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of November.**

Undergraduate Certificate in Theology

The Diocese of Parramatta has partnered with BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI-TAITE) for the first time to offer a nationally recognised Undergraduate Certificate in Theology. Giving parishioners the opportunity to undertake formal theological formation and gain a recognised qualification that can support their involvement in parish life, ministry and leadership.

Applications are now open for the first cohort, commencing in Semester 1, 2027.

The Diocese will sponsor 50% & Parish 20% of each successful applicant's fees.

For more information, please see Deacon Rod or contact the Parish Office.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
3^{1st} Oct/ 1st Nov 3^{1st} Sunday in OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Pelenatita Mafi
7th Nov/ 8th Nov 32nd Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Sangeeta Kumar	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
14th Nov/ 15th Nov 33rd Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Maria Fe Verceluz Leo Macatanjay
21st Nov/ 22nd Nov 34th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Lucia Sini Agnes Polu



Reflection from Deacon Roderick...

The Communion of Saints

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

The Communion of Saints is a central belief in the Catholic faith, expressing the spiritual unity of all who belong to Christ: the faithful on earth, the souls being purified in Purgatory, and the saints in heaven. Together they form one family of God, united through the Body of Christ.

This belief has its roots in Sacred Scripture and the earliest centuries of Christianity. The first Christians honoured the martyrs, gathered at their tombs for prayer, and sought their intercession. By the fourth century, devotion to the saints was widely established, and the phrase "Communion of Saints" became part of the Apostles' Creed, affirming the bond shared by all believers across time and eternity.

Catholics do not worship the saints; worship belongs to God alone. Rather, the saints are honoured as faithful disciples whose lives reflect God's grace. Just as Christians ask one another for prayers, Catholics ask the saints in heaven to pray for them before God.

The Communion of Saints remains deeply relevant today. In an increasingly individualistic world, it reminds us that we do not journey to God alone. We are supported by the prayers, example, and witness of countless holy men and women. The saints show that holiness is possible in every age and circumstance, encouraging us to live lives of faith, charity, and hope. Through this communion, the Church experiences the enduring reality that love in Christ is stronger than death and unites believers across heaven and earth.

SCHOENSTATT ROOM LIBRARY

As we approach the season of **Advent**, parishioners are warmly invited to visit and borrow books to help deepen their faith and prepare their hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Borrow a book. Nurture your faith.
Prepare your heart for Christmas.***

